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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

May 2005

## Sen. Miller to deliver inaugural leadership lecture

Senator Zell Miller will deliver the inaugural AASU Leadership Lecture on Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The speech will be presented by the AASU Foundation and the Colonel Charles L. and Mary G. Collins ROTC Leadership Fund.

Tickets to the senator's address are free on a first come, first served basis and must be reserved in advance. To reserve free tickets, call 921.5955 or e-mail [aasursvp@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:aasursvp@mail.armstrong.edu).

Following his presentation, Miller will sign copies of his newest book, *A Deficit of Decency*. The book will be available for purchase at the event courtesy of Barnes & Noble.

## AASU celebrates a victory, raises over \$150,000

AASU held a Victory Celebration on April 8 to announce the results of its "3 Days for AASU" community campaign, held April 5-7. Volunteers from the university and the community attained more than 182 corporate and business investments, totaling \$154,000 with additional checks still coming in from the community. The funds raised will support existing student scholarships and the university's leadership initiatives.

Campaign volunteers worked under the leadership of Chairman Jerry Barton, president of Sea Island Bank, and Co-Chairman Vernice Rackett, director of membership, Savannah Quarters Country Club. Awards were presented to Barton and Rackett for their outstanding community leadership. Gail Toler of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs was recognized with the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

## Burnett Hall proposed

President Jones, with enthusiastic support from the Burnett family, has forwarded a request to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to rename the existing administration building on the AASU campus, "Robert Adair Burnett Hall."

It is anticipated that the Board of Regents will approve this request later this spring or summer. A naming dedication ceremony is planned for September 23.

## Gifts honoring the late Jill Miller

Those wishing to honor the late Jill Miller can write checks to the Armstrong Atlantic Foundation and send them to External Affairs with the note "For the Jill Miller Scholarship Fund." Miller's family has established the Jill Miller Scholarship Fund to help art students and Honors students who wish to study abroad. This was a project to which Miller had devoted her personal funds for several years.

## Historical display in Solms Hall

An historical display, *Armstrong: The Greatest Generation*, is on view in the foyer of Solms Hall. This public history display depicts the students and faculty of Armstrong College in the early 1940s. It was designed and implemented by Caroline Hopkinson and Gail Brannen, library, in consultation with Janet Stone, history.

## Hemisphere Travel Center

AASU's travel agent has changed its telephone number to 912.303.9777 or 800.527.4819.

## Welcome Aboard

**Edward Brown**, Plant Operations  
**Nancy Gunter**, Academic Affairs

## Events

### May 3

Sones de Mexico, a Chicago ensemble, will visit the campus. A music education workshop is scheduled for noon followed by an evening concert at 8 p.m., which is free and open to the public. The events are supported by a grant from the City of Savannah Cultural Affairs Department. For more information, call Melody Ortiz at 921.7337.

### May 6

Senator Zell Miller's inaugural AASU Leadership Lecture at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

### May 7

Graduation Commencement Ceremony at 10 a.m. in the Savannah Civic Center

### May 13

AASU to host the PROMOTE Georgia Award Ceremony. Teams of school children from across southeast Georgia will be honored for their accomplishments in creating instructional websites in both regional and statewide competition. The competition will be held at 6 p.m. in room 156 of University Hall.

### May 13

Seventh Science in Savannah Symposium, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in University Hall

### May 31 thru July 28

Cardio workout classes, combined with strengthening, toning, and safe stretching, are scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Sports Center. The fee is \$95 per participant. Call 927.5322 to register.

## Kudos

### AASU receives a Silver ADDY Award

The Office of University Relations received a Silver ADDY Award in the Seventh District competition of the Advertising Federation. The "Faculty Lecture Series Booklet" designed by Anna de la Paz, graphic artist and photographer, won in the Advertising for the Arts and Sciences: Collateral Brochure category.

The publication earlier received a Gold ADDY Award from the Savannah Advertising Federation. The Seventh District is composed of five southeastern states. Its membership includes 29 advertising clubs and 24 college and university chapters.

### AASU awards Mathematics Alumna of the Year

AASU honored Daveyln Vinson as Mathematics Alumna of the Year. The Department of Mathematics presented the award to Vinson at the Spring Mathematics Banquet.

Vinson is a mathematics teacher at Windsor Forest High School and the 2004-2005 winner of the Siemen's Best AP teachers. She attended AASU from 1985-1987 while working on her master's in mathematics education.

**Jose A. da Cruz**, criminal justice, social & political science, has published "Brazil's Foreign Policy under Luis Inacio 'Lula' da Silva: An Early Assessment of a Leftist President" in *Politics & Policy*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (March 2005).

An article by **Jose A. da Cruz**, criminal justice, social & political science, and **Margaret Keiley-Listermann**, Georgia Perimeter College, "Incorporating an Africa Perspective in a Traditional Political Science Introductory Course," has been accepted for publication in the *National Social Science Journal*.

**Andy Weinbach**, economics, has been quoted once again in the on-line version of *Forbes* magazine for his expertise in sports gambling. In "Ten Betting Tips for March Madness," Weinbach and his colleagues offered several pointers on how one might win the office pool for the NCAA basketball tournament.

**Peter Mastopoulos**, videoconferencing services, was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education.

Contributions to the State Charitable Fund (United Way) enabled AASU to win the Governor's Cup for state agencies with between 501 and 1,000 employees. **Joe Buck**, student affairs, managed the campaign for AASU.

The following faculty mentored students in submitting their work to the annual Writing Showcase: **Chris Hendricks**, **June Hopkins**, **Monica Hunt**, and **Janet Stone**, history; **Karen Hollinger**, **Erik Nordenhaug**, **Teresa Winterhalter**, **Debi Reese**, **Nancy Remler**, **Carol Andrews**, **Beth Howells**, **Joy Cafiero-Syring**, and **Holly Smith**, languages, literature & philosophy; **Joy Reed**, information technology; **Steve Jodis**, school of computing; **Rod McAdams**, health sciences; **Andi Beth Mincer**, physical therapy.

The 2005 AASU Career Day had over 70 employers and schools systems and more than 200 participants. Support came from: **Barbara Myers** and **Desiree Plummer**, career services, and student workers **Alfreida Walthour**, **Kate Hamilton**, **Olivia Coleman**, **Kelie Connor**, and **Kaierra Jackson**.

Five Honors Program students presented papers at the Georgia Collegiate Honors Conference: **Chris Shirley**, **Chris McCormick**, **Tatyana Zelenskaya**, **Sarah Beth Link**, and **Jeremy Windus**. The first three papers derived from work in one of **Karen Hollinger's** classes; the others derived from work in **Mark Finlay's** and the late **Jill Miller's** classes, respectively.

**Juan Aragon**, senior double major in chemistry and biology, is a co-author of "Purified Argonaute2 and an siRNA form recombinant human RISC" published in *Nature: Structural and Molecular Biology* (April 2005). The research derives from Aragon's work at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Undergraduate Research Program in summer 2004. Aragon was one of 25 students selected for this prestigious program from among 485 international applicants.

**The submission deadline for the June issue of eARMSTRONG is May 16.**

Please send submissions to [news@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:news@mail.armstrong.edu). For more information call Barry Ostrow at 927.5223 or at [ostrowba@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:ostrowba@mail.armstrong.edu).